



**The Berwyn Police Department has been awarded a Traffic Safety Enforcement grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety.**

**The following information is from IDOT's press release:**

IMAGE Projects: Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program consists of 5 enforcement campaign periods during the year. During the first and fourth campaigns, officers will concentrate on enforcement of all traffic laws with special emphasis on impaired driving violations. During the second and third campaigns, the emphasis will be on occupant restraint and during the fifth and final campaign, the emphasis will be on speed violations. Public Information campaigns will be conducted prior to and immediately following each enforcement wave.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans. In Illinois, 1,420 people were killed in crashes during 2002. The estimated economic cost of all crash related injuries and deaths in Illinois for 2002 was \$8.5 billion. While Illinois' current safety belt usage rate is 80.1 percent for drivers and passengers, the Illinois Department of Transportation estimates that nearly 7 out of 10 vehicle occupants who die in fatal crashes are not belted. The grant is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation and will be administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety.

The Berwyn Police Department will be actively targeting impaired drivers, seat belt and speeding violators. The next enforcement period will be over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Several times during the enforcement period, the department will be implementing Seat Belt Safety Checks.